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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.114, 1.121

This is a reply to the final Office Action that was mailed on April 14, 2006.

a. Introductory Comments

Claims 1 – 7 and 9 were previously cancelled, and the Office Action rejected remaining claims 8 and 10 – 28.

Herein, Applicants cancel claims 11, 15, 20 – 21, 23 – 24, and 26 – 28; amend claims 8 and 19, 22, and 25; and add new claims 29 - 31.

Applicants request reconsideration.